

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-76 are pending, wherein claims 1, 28, 36, 63, 66, 69, 72 and 75 are independent.

Applicants respectfully request that the attorney docket number associated with the above-identified application be changed from "M-12004 US" to "215248.00004".

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance by the Patent Office of claims 63-76.

In the second section of the Office Action, claims 1-62 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1, 5-30, 60, 62-83, 85-87 and 91-97 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/244,618. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

However, merely to facilitate prosecution in the present application, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the present provisional non-statutory double patenting rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these grounds of rejection are respectfully requested.

All of the rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney, Andrew J. Bateman, by telephone at (202) 625-3547. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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